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1 REPORTER'S RECORD  
2 TRIAL COURT CAUSE NO(S). 11800-JR-C  
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4 IN THE INTEREST OF ) IN THE 89TH DISTRICT COURT  
5 ROBERTO BARRY }  
6 OSCAR BARRY } OF  
7 CHILDREN ) WICHITA COUNTY, TEXAS  
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9 EXCERPT OF TESTIMONY  
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12 On the 30th day of July, 2012, the  
13 following proceedings came on to be heard in the  
14 above-entitled and numbered cause before the Honorable  
15 Mark T. Price, Judge presiding, held in Wichita Falls,  
16 Wichita County, Texas:  
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18 Proceedings reported by Machine Shorthand.  
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22 OFFICIAL COURT REPORTER  
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EXCERPT OF TESTIMONY

July 30, 2012

1	PETITIONER'S WITNESSES	DIRECT	CROSS	VOIR DIRE	
2	Kim Gustafson		5		
3	RESPONDENT'S WITNESSES	DIRECT	CROSS	VOIR DIRE	
4	None in excerpt.				
5	AD LITEM'S WITNESSES	DIRECT	CROSS	VOIR DIRE	
6	None in excerpt.				
7	ALPHABETICAL WITNESS INDEX				
8	WITNESSES	DIRECT	CROSS	VOIR DIRE	
9	Kim Gustafson		5		
10	End of Excerpt.....			9	
11	Reporter's Certificate.....			10	
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EXHIBIT INDEX

	PETITIONER'S EXHIBITS	OFFERED	ADMITTED
	None in excerpt.		
	RESPONDENT'S EXHIBITS	OFFERED	ADMITTED
	None in excerpt.		
	AD LITEM'S EXHIBITS	OFFERED	ADMITTED
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1 (Excerpt of testimony.)  
2 KIM GUSTAFSON,

3 having first been duly sworn, testified as follows:  
4 RECROSS-EXAMINATION

5 BY MR. JARVIS:

6 Q. Well, let's talk about those aggravated  
7 circumstances. Are you familiar with the motion filed  
8 by your Department asking for aggravated circumstances  
9 to be found by the Judge?

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. All right. And do you recall the request,  
12 Section C, on the Notice of Aggravated Circumstances  
13 filed March 17th, 2011? Would it help if I approached  
14 and let you look at it?

15 A. Yes.

16 MR. JARVIS: Okay. May I approach,  
17 Judge?

18 THE COURT: Yes, you may.

19 Q. (BY MR. JARVIS) Oh, before I -- when did  
20 CPS make the decision or the determination that there  
21 wasn't any child abuse and there wasn't any child  
22 pornography? Do you recall?

23 A. I don't know.

24 Q. Okay.

25 MS. RUSH: May I ask Mr. Jarvis is he  
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1 showing her the Notice of Aggravated Circumstances?

2 MR. JARVIS: Yes, ma'am.

3 MS. RUSH: Thank you, Your Honor.

4 MR. JARVIS: Two pages.

5 Q. (BY MR. JARVIS) Tell me when you're  
6 finished reading that.

7 A. Okay.

8 Q. You've had a chance to go through it?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. Okay. Now, as I recall from the CPS file,  
11 on February 7th, it was already determined that there  
12 wasn't any child pornography that they -- that the  
13 federal officials had filed, correct?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. And yet on March 17th, under Section C, the  
16 reason -- one of the two reasons why you -- your  
17 Department asked for aggravated circumstances and by  
18 extension no more visitations is because he's engaged  
19 in conduct that would constitute an offense of  
20 possession or promotion of child pornography, correct?

21 A. Right.

22 Q. But from day one, your Department and the  
23 feds all knew he didn't, didn't you?

24 A. I don't know.

25 Q. Well, in your report that you've read that

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1 you're responsible for, you have said -- and the  
2 official CPS position is from day one, there wasn't  
3 any child pornography, right?  
4 A. Right.  
5 Q. So why on March 17th does your Department  
6 file a -- a notice to the Judge saying we're going to  
7 terminate his rights because he's possessing child  
8 pornography when you already knew a month ago he  
9 wasn't?  
10 A. I don't know.  
11 Q. It doesn't seem right, does it?  
12 A. I don't know.  
13 Q. You don't know if it seems right or not? Do  
14 you?  
15 A. I don't know.  
16 Q. Okay. And then the indecency with a child,  
17 we've heard the official CPS stance today that there  
18 wasn't any sexual molestation or abuse of the child,  
19 right -- of either one of the children, correct?  
20 A. Right.  
21 Q. And when did y'all come to that conclusion,  
22 before or after March 17th, 2011?  
23 A. I don't know.  
24 Q. Well, you had about five weeks of counseling  
25 with Ms. Porter and during that five weeks, Oscar and  
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1 Barry (sic) never made any outcry, correct?  
2 A. Right.  
3 Q. And y'all had plenty of opportunity to -- to  
4 review the audio and videotapes, correct?  
5 A. Right.  
6 Q. And somebody at some point in time finally  
7 agreed and said nobody committed indecency with a  
8 child much less David Barry, right?  
9 A. Right.  
10 Q. So did you come to this decision after you  
11 took over the case back in January 2012 or was this a  
12 decision that occurred prior to your coming on board?  
13 A. Prior.  
14 Q. All right. And can you tell me where in the  
15 four-inch stack of CPS records somebody wrote down  
16 that we staffed the case and decided there isn't any  
17 child abuse of Oscar or Roberto?  
18 A. I don't know.  
19 Q. It's not in there, is it?  
20 A. I don't think so.  
21 Q. Wouldn't you think it would be fair to the  
22 parent when you realized you didn't have what you  
23 accused him of to let him see his kids again?  
24 MS. RUSH: Objection, Your Honor,  
25 relevancy. We discussed with Mr. Barry on the stand  
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1 that they filed a motion for visitation and then  
2 withdrew it when I tried to call him to the stand, so  
3 I think he's misstating the evidence and this is  
4 irrelevant.  
5 MR. JARVIS: Judge, it has nothing to do  
6 with what Mr. Barry did. I'm asking their  
7 responsibility. They're the ones that took the kids.

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8 And obviously, somebody is not telling the truth on  
9 the petition, on the notice. If she says somebody  
10 else realized it, it's their responsibility to bring  
11 that to the attention of the Court, isn't it? They  
12 sure as heck didn't send any notice to us. It's not  
13 in the report.

14 MS. RUSH: Your Honor, I don't think  
15 there's any requirement anywhere when CPS -- when an  
16 attorney for CPS files a motion and gets a ruling to  
17 say, well, we've changed our minds.

18 MR. JARVIS: Well, how about common  
19 decency?

20 MS. RUSH: Your Honor, I object to that  
21 comment and I object to him speaking to me rather to  
22 the Court.

23 THE COURT: That's sustained. The  
24 objection's sustained.

25 (End of Excerpt.)

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